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I must have been around 10 years old going through my mother's upstairs bedroom drawer looking for curious items she had there. I saw that she kept religious items such as scapulas, rosaries, and old love letters from an old boyfriend named Gandy, that she had before my father came on the scene in 1947. Among other items she had a hand type written letter from my aunt Margaret on our maternal Root surname family history. It had all the son's and spouse's back to my 8th Great Grandfather Thomas Roote born 1604 in Badby, Northampshire, England. I would periodically ask my mother about it and she would tell me that her sister had the record's from either her own research or from a family Bible. I did not really put any thought into the paper for many years until I think when I was about 19 years old.

Around this time, I had moved out of the house and asked my mother if I could have the paper to keep for myself If I ever wanted to investigate family history. I held on to this paper from around 1979 to when I started doing Family research around 1994.

Now coming to this point, I just want to add context to the specifics of family lines in relation to what most individuals do not realize. When people think of their grandparents, they usually only think of immediate living or death ones. Rarely do they have their great grandparents alive when they themselves are going about their daily lives. Using just the math, people never think about the last 100 year's let alone 400 into their history. If you go back just 10 generations on your direct family tree. You will find just over 2,000 individual grandparents that you have! Go back 20 generations and you have over 1 million! The sheer numbers are staggering, yet this is the reality. Someone once said that Charlamagne is every one's 50th grandfather. This joke is not that far off from reality. I love to say that the common Amoeba derived from everyone's 50 millionth great grandfather. Joking aside when someone say's to you that Bernard Smith is not related to John Smith down the street from each other. Well, they are in truth related to each other. Not in a direct line sense, but definitely in a remote sense. If you now take into account that all grandparents to you branch out like that tree to other parental lines. For example, my 4th great grandmother Tryphena Baxter had her parents (My Grandparents) and they had bloodline children, great uncles and aunts. Those branches spread out to other present day blood related individuals and so on and so forth. Now I will start with my mother's paternal Root ancestry and take you on a fabulous journey through the founding of America to present day.

My journey into my 35-year affair with genealogy started with the advent of the internet. Around 1994 while living with my spouse Mary and son Justin in Ann Arbor, Mich. Where Mary and I grew up was the home of the University of Michigan. Since many Universities were connected to the World Wide Web, we had access to dial up internet off a modem at home. The University had the 2nd largest collection of written books and text's next only to the Library of Congress in D.C. Back around 2005, Google came to Ann Arbor and digitized all that data. They moved into a huge office in Downtown and had their repository on the south side of town where they ran fiber optic cables from the university to their data center. I find this fact remarkable since my early days on the internet was like a paradise. I could go anywhere to find information. This was before the days of large web browsers, and it was like the wild west. Google left Ann Arbor a few years after they had downloaded all that incredible data, which they use today to help them with their AI initiative's. So, with dial up I purchased one of the first genealogy software packages Family Tree Maker. I took out my Aunt Margaret's type written paper of my 8 generations of Roote ancestor's and never looked back. I could use census records on the internet, go to other obscure genealogy websites. No Ad's, no bullshit, just pure research and detective inquisition. I then with fantastic luck came across a distant relative, James Pierce Root. A minister by profession, he spent most of his life's work compiling a book on the Roots of New England in 1871. This was the holy grail I was looking for. For not only did this book have the tree of mine from the work of my aunt, but also 7,000 individuals all bloodline related to me. Since the surname Root is not that common, it only added to the ease at which I could connect the dots from 1605 to the 1871 timeline of James Pierce's work. Also, my Dascola surname is also so rare that finding any reference is gold in doing research. Tuff to do genealogy if your name is Smith or Jones. During the early days of research, I would print out the various lineages from my tree and put them in binders. This became obsolete once I had the Family Tree software. I would get a lot to e-mail from other distant relatives on how I had stolen their information. I would either ignore these or send back telling them that anything out on the web is public knowledge and basically fuck off. The one thing about technology is if you do not keep up with it, you will be left behind. I am sure the research that I do will be meaningless here in a few years when AI can do all the search for all the info in a matter of minutes. I think of the library days or the Latter-Day Saints library. Where you like James Pierce Root, would spend a lifetime tolling over maybe a couple of thousand relatives. With the Internet, I have accumulated 350,000 individuals in my database, which is now out on the web for all to connect to. Lastly before I start my journey proper. I would like to point out how the genealogical data, like all data on the web. Is being sold out to private and public monopolies that have taken genealogical records and used them for their own profit. Sites like Ancestry, 23 & me, My Heritage. All set prices for the research they acquired through the public domain. I have never paid for any data, nor will I give any of

these sites any money for any information they may have. I have been granted to give up my GED files to some of these websites to add my public information to them for free. They in turn get paying members to gather from my data. This is what I want but it is sad that they have to pay to gather this info. Familysearch.org The Latter-Day Saints website is free and of course part of their religious doctrine. Family lineages should be free to all to find the connections to us all. Now onward to my story.

John Roote born abt. 1579 in Badby Northamptonshire, England married to Mary Rushall on the 27th of Jul 1600. They had 4 children, Mary born dec 1600, Susannah born oct 1603 and 2 brother's Thomas Roote born 16 Jan 1605, and younger brother John Roote born 26 Feb 1608. The girls stayed in England and the brothers came as early settlers to America in 1637. Thomas was one of the 50 founders of Hartford, CT. The Early years of colonial settlement was known as the Great Migration. In the years 1620 to 1640, around 35,000 colonists came to America. Then the number's dropped off to around 1,000 per year. John went on to be one of the founders of Farmington, CT. My grandfather Thomas with spouse Elizabeth Gale after a few years, moved with children to Nonotuck Indian settlement with 6 other English families, and founded Northampton, Massachusetts. Given where Thomas originated from, it can be surmised that it Northampton reflects his birthplace in England. Thomas lived the rest of his life in Northampton with Elizabeth. They had 7 children, Joseph, Thomas, John, Jonathan, Hezekiah, Sarah, and my 7th great grandfather Jacob born in 1661. Jacob and his brother Hezekiah Married sister's Hezekiah married to Mehitable Frary, and Jacob to my 7th great grandmother Mary Frary. Mary was born 24 Jun 1662 in Deerfield Mass to my 8th great grandparents Sampson Frary and Mary Daniels. Sampson was killed along with his granddaughter Mercy, Hezekiah's daughter. They were killed in the infamous massacre of 29th Feb 1704. French and Indian invaders from Canada were pillaging English settlements all along the frontier. Mary Daniels along with one of her daughters were killed after being captured on the way back to Canada.

Hezekiah and Mehitable Frary's daughter Mehitable was married to Peter Eastman ancestor of George Eastman of Eastman Kodak fame along with Linda Eastman, first spouse of Paul McCartney. Jacob and Mary were married on 2 Feb 1680 in Northampton. They then moved to Hebron, Tolland, CT around 1704. They had 10 children Joanna, Daniel, Jacob, Mary, Margaret, William, Hezekiah, Ruth, Nathaniel, and Jonathan. Large family's that lived twice the age of their England counterparts was due to living conditions. Climate and great agricultural land were plenty. There was no overpopulated disease infested Citys to deal with so life expectancy shot up along with birth rates overtaking death rates. Thus,

the colonist's population grew very fast as they pushed ever farther into the Native American's landscape. Religion too branched into many sects and offshoots of other Christian based faiths. Since there was no persecution, free practices were a plenty. My guess as I do not know for sure is that Thomas Roote was either raised as Puritan or changed attitudes in the new world. I do know that latter generations were of the Universalist faith. So, Jacob and Mary move to Tolland, CT to start a new life there. My 6th great grandfather William Root lived there but was born 17th of Jan 1695 in Northampton. He Married Hannah Pennock born around 1700 in Yorkshire, England to Samuel Pennock and Mary Wilson. This connection is quite bizarre and memorable. Around 2002 my niece Lara Kalmbach was getting married near Tolland. My wife and I were out there for the wedding, and I said to Mary let's go look and see if we can find the grave of Jacob Root. Knowing he was buried in Tolland. So, we go to the historical society of Tolland and ask if they know where Jacob Root is buried. They say they have no record of where but have many relatives buried around the area including some of Jacob and Mary's children's offspring. They tell me about a cemetery up the road that we could look around for Root's, so we head off up the road. No shit, we literally get out of the car and walk up a small hill to the cemetery entrance and low and behold, I am face to face looking at the grave of my 8th great grandfather Samuel Pennock, Hannah's Father! Here I am looking for my 7th great grandfather and instead I find my 8th? Talk about Coincidence, just shows the probabilities of chance in all experience. Remember that if any of your grandparental lines had just one of those individuals die for whatever reason. Then you would not exist in this present moment. Just like George Bailey in It's A Wonderful Life. The world would be different if you had never been born. This of course is just food for thought for being that you are here mean's that none of those things happened. Just like you can't predict the future you cannot undue the past. So, Mary and I decide to drive back to Northampton, see if we can find Thomas Roote's grave, but have no luck. I do know that Willaim and Hannah moved and died in Rutland, VT so, we drive through there on our way home. This is before Find A Grave on the internet became so massive, so we had to do detective work for the only cemetery we stopped at. Did Find some Root relative's so I wrote down the names and dates of the stone's and when I got home, found that I just added the next generation to the information I had on file, but was missing the children of these parent Root's. Pretty cool, to find these little nuggets but that is what ancestry is all about. My Spouse Mary thinks my whole genealogy fanaticism is just a waste of time. She says, 'There all Dead People". I told her it is my Bliss and Love it. When I told my son, he said if it brings you joy than do it.

Well during this early stage of following my roots, I decided to have my DNA done on both my mother's and Father's side. Female decedent's code info on the Mitochondrial gene sequence and Male's use their father's Y chromosome sequence. At the time in the mid

1990's only 2 main DNA companies where up to snuff. One was the University of Oxford in England and the other was the University of Arizona. I went with Family tree DNA and was one of the first 10,000 individuals to first have their genetics tested. My mother's genetics was European as were most colonist's other than African Slaves. She was one of the haploid groups call the 7 sisters of Eve. These were haploid's that evolved from the first female ancestor in Africa around 150,000 years ago. My father's DNA I assumed would be from the Mediterranean area, since his family was from southern Italy. I was completely wrong here. His DNA was from a very small area in southern Ireland from a haploid which they called Cro-Magnon man. I do not know if they use the term today? So, I thought how was this possible? Well Rome was in Britian for a few centuries. Maybe family absorbed by roman colonization, brought them to Italy. The Norman's also not only conquering England in 1066, but also Southern Italy in 1069. So that may have been an entry of bloodline. Also, the Celts and Gallic peoples were all around the mediterranean for thousands of years, this could also be a point of settlement? I am sure in the not too distance future. Genetics will be able to hone in better questions to these migration patterns.

Just a little trivial history on generation naming of children. So, as the English language evolves with time so does the changing names for people in each time period. Biblical names have always been in heavy use. So, names like Josiah, Joshua, Jeremiah, Jacob, Hezekiah, Elihu, Samuel and Waitsill were common names for males. Sophronia, Ronda, Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth, Jerusha, Mehitable, Phebe, Eliza, Tryphena and Hannah were regular names for females. I loved one of the names of a distant cousin. The last name was Spring, and the parents named their boy Early Latent Spring. Also trends in what people were into at that time. There was a time when people were fascinated with Rome & Greek, so you may have Octavius or Leonidis, Julius, Aurelius for boys, and Varinia, Octavia, or Desdemona.

Now William and Hannah had 8 children, starting in 1729 with all but the last 2 being born in Hebron, CT. Ann and Ephraim were born in Sharon, Vt where William and Hannah both moved to before settling in Piermont, NH. My 5th Great Grandfather Samuel Root was born on 23 May 1748 In Hebron. He married Sarah Ingraham born 23 May 1749 one year apart. They married around 1775 in Hebron and soon moved to Sharon, VT where they had 7 children. Josiah was one of them my 4th great grandfather. As you can see by the movement of my family line, the migration of families followed the availability of settling new areas where land could be improved for the next generation to come. This area around New Hampshire, Vermont and New York was encroaching more into the Appalachian Mountains like in the South and would soon to be not a barrier in further expansion west.

Josiah was born 22 Mar 1782 in Piermont, VT. Her married Tryphena Baxter born also in Piermont on 28 Mar 1783. They were married 3 Dec 1807 in Sharon, VT. Funny thing about my Baxter line. Going back a generation on this line, there were some Cousin Baxter's who were hard core loyalist's and after the Revolutionary War, they used guerilla tactics in Maine to fuck with the newly founded American's. These brothers were notorious for their hatred of those who turned their back on England. Rember that after the Revolutionary War ended Canada welcomed all those who would come. Around 35,000 loyalists made this journey, and many were given land to settle there. Around 1811 Josiah and Tryphena along with Brother Roswell and spouse Phebe Ward came through the Erie Canal to the Michigan Territory. Josiah and Tryphena settled in Summerfield, Mi, and Roswell to Kenton, MI. From here Josiah and Tryphena had 5 children. Elihu Baxter Root my 3rd Great Grandfather born 31 Jul 1810 in Sharon, VT, Sarah, Climena, Zilpha, and Tryphena all born in Summerfield, MI. Josiah and Tryphena are buried in Lambertville, Mi near the Michigan/Ohio border. Elihu Root married Eliza Partridge. Eliza was born 29 Feb1812 in Norwich, Vt to Ephraim Partridge and Anna Downer. Elihu and Eliza married 6 May 1837 in Monroe, MI. Here they both raised 5 children, Sarah Mariah, Jason Partridge my 2nd Great Grandfather, Mary, Clara, and William. Jason was born 1 Sep 1841 in Monroe, Mi. He married Phoebe Langathy Hart born 23 Aug 1852 to John Hawkins Hart and Emily Green in Pleasant Ridge, IA. Jason and Phoebe married 4 Jan 1876 in Fort Madison, IA. They met while Jason after the Civil War. He was in Company A of the Michigan Infantry and saw action in the Battle of Gettysburg. Mustered out on 30 Jun 1864. He was friends with George Armstrong Custer who was Calvary Commander to this unit. Custer grew up in Monroe before joining the Acadamy at West Point. Jason and Phoebe lived in Monroe, and Jason ran the Root Lumber Company, which was the prime lumber supplier in Monroe. They had 6 children, Bert Charles, Jesse Hart, Mary Elizabeth, Bessie Clara, Edward B, and Stanley. Jesse Hart Root was a young Lawyer and one of the youngest members of Michigan State Politics. Jason Edward born 11Feb 1890 in Monroe to Florence Elizabeth Vermette born in Frenchtown, Mi. She was born 15 May 1891. Frenchtown was one of the colonial French settlements in Michigan. Established around 1780 Frenchtown saw battles with the Native American, and American troops during this period will loss of life of many settlers. Edward and Florence were married in Lucas, Ohio on 16 May 1911 and settled on Heise Road in Monroe. They had 4 children Edward Jason Root, Robert Henry Root, Mary Grace Root my mother and Margaret Elizabeth Root. Aunt Margaret was my inspiration for all my genealogy work and the passion I have is a tribute to her. Grew up knowing all the children (cousins) and most are still living. Mary Grace Root was born 25 Aug 1925; she married Ernest Phillip Dascola born 14 May 1918 in Caspian, MI on 11 Feb 1947 in Monroe. To this union they had 5 Children. Linda Marie born 28 March 1948, Ann Arbor, MI died 20 Feb 2021 in Hastings, MI, Carol Ann born 13 Oct 1955, Myself Phillip Ernest born Sep 21, 1958, Mary Ann born 8 Nov

1961 and Joan Marie born 5 Nov 1963. This run's my direct line and includes all off shoots of all grandparent's. The direct surnames of Grandmothers again are Frary, Pennock, Ingraham, Baxter, Partridge, Hart and Vermette. So, from these grandmother's branch off their parents and so forth. Now remember these records include all their children and their offspring. Thus, included but far from complete my 350,000 individuals and father's 165,000 and currently growing.

Famous Relative's

Louisa May Alcott (Author)

Mary Ann Angel, second wife of Brigham Young, Leader of Mormon Church (Latter Day Saints) I have so many Later Day Saint relatives from not only this married but other offshoot lines. I also am cousin to I do believe Brigham's 63rd spouse? One thing about many of my 350,000 individuals is that my Mormon relatives usually had many children. Since polygamy was standard early in the church, a relative may have had 5 or 6 wives having anywhere from 5 to 50 children. This multiplies very soon into incredible Number's.

(Erastus Root} lawyer and politician from New York. U.S. House of Representatives, Lieutenant Governor of New York, 1823 to 1824.

(Amos Ives Root) Beekeeping, Known as the grandfather of Beekeeping. Developed many of the techniques still in use today. Root Candle Company still in existence today and supply all types of candles, many used in religious ceremonies. Also known for documenting early developments of the Wright Brother's Early Flights.

(Elihu Root) Lawyer, Statesman, and Nobel Peace Prize Winner. U.S. Secretary of War 1899 to1904. Secretary of State 1905-1909 under Mckinley and Roosevelt administrations. Developed American foreign policy and world diplomacy, modernized the U.S. army and maintained and Open Door Policy with China.

(James Root} Train engineer during the Great Hinckley Fire of 1894 in Minnesota. Rescued 300 people by backing up train five miles back to Skunk Lake saving the lives of many.

(John Wellborn Root) American Architect of the Chicago School style. Helped developed the floating raft foundation. Famous Chicago buildings include The Rookery and Reliance Building.

(Marcus Aurelius Root) Pioneer daguerreotypist and photographer of 19th century. A contemporary of James Brady and ran photography studios in major U.S. cities. Captured photos of Edgar Allan Poe, P.T. Barnum and Jenny Lind among others.

(Chapman J. Root) Founder of Root Glass Company in Terre Haute, Indiana in 1901. Company known for Coca Cola competition for design of bottle to store cola. Earl R. Dean and others came up with iconic world contour bottle design in 1915. Dean modeled design from Cocao Pods.

(Steven Root) Famous actor in films such as Office Space 1999, Dodgeball 2004, No Country for Old Men 2007 and others.

(Nathanael Greene) Continental Army general trusted by George Washington in the Southern theater of the war. Battles using guerrilla tactics were crucial in the defeat of General Cornwallis and were instrumental in the British defeat and securing American Independence.

(Rutherford B. Hayes) 19th President of the United States 1877 to 1881from Ohio. Marked end of Reconstruction.

(Julia Dent) Spouse of Ulysses S. Grant, memoir published in 1975 posthumously. Known for lavish White House Parties.

(Julius Sterling Morton) Founder of Arbor Day in 1872. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture 1893 to 1897 under Grover Cleveland administration.

(Joy Morton) Son of Sterling Morton and founder of Morton Salt Company 1910. Iconic for quote “When it rains, it pours” and Morton Salt Girl. Legacy for Morton Arboretum.

(Henry Luce) American Publisher founder of Time, Life, Fortune, and Sports Illustrated.

Born to missionary parents in China, attended Yale where he co-founded Time in 1923.

(Frank W. Woolworth) founder of Woolworth Company and its “Five and Dime Stores”.

(Betty Hutton) Famous Musical Actress.

(Preston Bush – Senator, George H.W. Bush 41st President, George W. Bush, 43rd President) Much United States history to numerous to mention here.

(Theodore and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 26th and 32nd Presidents of United States.

(Ann Frances Robbins) born in 1921 took her surname Davis after being adopted by Loyal Davis her stepfather. Known as actress Nancy Davis and became Nancy Reagan first lady and married to Ronald Reagan 40th President of U.S.

More Famous Relative’s

(Janis Joplin) born 1943, died 1970. Legendary Rock Singer.

(Arthur Godfrey) Famous Radio and Televison Broadcaster dominated the airwaves in the 1940's and 50's.

(Margaret Ruth Runner and Clint Eastwood) Mother of Clint born 1909 in Oakland, CA and died in 2006. Clint Eastwood Actor and Director born 1930.

(Jo Raquel Tejada) known as Actress Raquel Welch born 1940.

(Brian, Dennis, Carl Wilson) famous members and founders of the famous Rock Band, The Beach Boys in 1961.

(Harry Hamlin) Famous actor born 1951.

(John Lithgow) Famous actor born 1945

(Julia Child) surname Dana, world renown chief born 1912 and died 2004.

Many other famous and renown people connected to my genealogical lines which I did not add to this list. Just to give a glimpse of the interconnected nature of humanity and how we are truly one Social and Biological collective. We should embrace our conductivity by living by our common nature and not the divisive tribal primitive nature we could extinguish if we choose to. Phil Dascola member of humanity and everything from 13.8 years ago.